New Chattering Lack of Common Sense - Story

say is an 18 y/o who lives in this hugeass city. they don't remember anything prior to thee age of 6 and have always lived on their own with no recollection or presence of family. that's ok tho cus the homelessness program in this city is pretty solid, so say was given support by the government and other homeless people who live in the area - said area being a large, maze-like setup of these tall brick walls with single rooms segmented off as living spaces. they p much had everything they wanted - a stable living situation with basic needs covered, independence, and only a small handful of friends (only one who was actually close to them).

arc is another 18 y/o who grew up in a small town. like say, he doesn't remember anything before age 6, but as far as he can remember he's always lived with his adoptive parents who were REALLY GOOD PARENTS!! he grew up with a little problem though - he was was more in-tune with his senses than other kids, and he was especially reeeeeeally sensitive to eyesight. he could see perfectly fine in the dark, but during the daytime everything is just REALLY bright and overstimulating. he was given these red-tinted contacts that're typically used for achromatopsia but they didn't 100% help (mostly with the light sensitivity, but not with how overwhelming everything looks??? it's kinda hard to put into words), so when it's socially acceptable he opts for white cloth or bandages that allow him to still see shadows of objects near him, then he uses his other senses to navigate himself around

arc and say aren't actually human tho :o :) this was found out by arc's family doctor, and say is smart enough to have figured it out on their own. some differences are small - their nails grow in black and their irises are orange, but others are preeeeetty significant - they have no fingerprints, their bellybuttons are replaced with long scars on their backs, they have no reproductive or excretory systems, they're barely affected by pain and their wounds heal a lot faster than humans, and they have strengths humans don't have - arc being his senses, say being their physical strength and stamina. say has always been curious about their origins but really felt no desire to get answers - BUT arc's always been dying to know if there are others like him out there, so much that it drove him to run away from home and start traveling around in search of others. this is fuckin weird, but like i said arc has heightened senses - his kind has a different smell than humans, so he mainly used that to search for people. this is where he ends up in the city and finds say!! :)

at first they were excited to meet each other (arc way more excited than say) and they became pretty good friends?? until arc started pushing some boundaries. say liked their privacy and time to themself, but arc wanted to spend like..... all day every day with them and know everything about them and have them know everything about him, all at a pretty fast pace. after maybe a month or two arc wanted to start looking for more people again, but say refused to give up the life they made in the city. so what did your bitch ass lad arc do? well ok first he tried like begging and threatening them and stuff, but THEN he framed them for murder so!!!! yeah there's that! dramatic lil bitch!! his intention was that say would feel like they were forced to run away now that they're a wanted person, but they, being the say that they are, thought cooperating with the police would prove their innocence. but like y'know police take fingerprints and ..... they have none :(!!!!! so they took a blood sample instead, and ofc this gave away their cover. so they were sent to some biologists to see if they could figure out what's going on.

i thiiiiiiiink..... the rest will remain spoilers for now :) i know some of you know the version i came up with when i was 16 (please don't share it, along with the other stuff i came up with when i was 15/16, holy shit it's all so cringy and embarrassing), but note the direction the story goes in after that is very different from the original - for example, the story ends shortly after where i've left off in the original, but in the updated version this is only the halfway point! so!!!! (: